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Subject: Support of SB 1108

Chairmen Coleman and Tong and esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing in support of SB 1108, the Zero-Tolerance Safe School Environment Act.

As the mother of three children who attend Newtown Public Schools, I know firsthand the damage caused by threats of violence against our schools. As a parent, it is incredibly unsettling and deeply upsetting to get that phone call or email informing us of these threats. It is a fear that no parent should have to feel.

For our children, these threats reinforce a growing sense that school is not the safe place to learn that we once thought it was. They adversely impact both their emotional state and their educational experience.

In our community, in particular, the threats and resulting school security procedures resurface the terror, anxiety and unimaginable sense of loss that we experienced on 12/14/12. But let me be clear: this is not just a Newtown issue; unfortunately it impacts towns throughout the state and is damaging there just the same.

Any individual who makes these threats has a complete and utter disregard for the law and a fundamental lack of respect for others. The existing penalties are clearly not enough of a deterrent, as communities across the state continue to deal with threats of violence against our schools.

It's time to send a message that will resonate loud and clear: Connecticut has zero tolerance when it comes to threats against our schools.

SB 1108 sends that message. Please pass this bill.

Thank you,
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